

We claim:

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1. A barrier device for obstructing entry travel routes into enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising:

5 a barrier material sized to fit adjacent to an attachment portion between a fixture and a fixed-permanent surface in a room, the barrier material substantially closing off a passageway along where crawling arthropods can enter the room; and

an arthropod repellant substance associated with the barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway.

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2. The barrier device of claim 1, wherein the fixed-permanent surface is selected from a surface portion of at least one of: a wall, a ceiling, and a floor.

3. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixed-permanent surface includes: a wall portion.

4. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixed-permanent surface includes: a floor portion.

20 5. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixed permanent surface includes: a ceiling portion.

6. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: an attachment point between shower faucet handles and the surface portion.

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7. The barrier device of claim 6, wherein the barrier material includes: a disc shape with a center through-hole therethrough for fitting adjacent to the attachment point between the shower faucet handles and the surface portion.

5 8. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: an attachment point between a pipe and the surface portion.

9. The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the barrier material includes: a conical shape with a center through-hole therethrough for fitting adjacent to the attachment point between
10 the pipe and the surface portion.

10. The barrier device of claim 9, wherein the center through-hole further includes:
a variable size opening for fitting about different pipe diameters.

15 11. The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the pipe includes: a drainline for a sink.

B2 12. The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the pipe includes: an incoming waterline for
a sink.

20 13. The barrier device of claim 8, wherein the pipe includes: a water line for a
showerhead.

14. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: a stem extending into
the room, the stem between the surface portion and an electric powered fixture.

25 15. The barrier device of claim 14, wherein the electric powered fixture includes: a
ceiling fan.

16. The barrier device of claim 14, wherein the electrical powered fixture includes: a light.

5 17. The barrier device of claim 14, wherein the barrier material includes:
a bell shape with a center through-hole therethrough for fitting about the stem.

18. The barrier device of claim 17, wherein the center through-hole further includes:
a variable size opening for fitting about different stem diameters.

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19. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: a drain receptical.

20. The barrier device of claim 19, wherein the barrier material includes:
a cup shaped insert having a center through-hole for fitting with the drain
15 receptical.

21. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: an air vent cover.

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22. The barrier device of claim 21, wherein the barrier material includes:
a rectangular shaped insert having a rectangular shaped opening for fitting with the
vent cover.

23. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: a wall switch and a
cover.

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24. The barrier device of claim 23, wherein the barrier material includes:

a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole for a toggle switch for fitting between the cover and the wall switch.

25. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: telephone jack and a
5 cover.

26. The barrier device of claim 25, wherein the barrier material includes:
a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole for a telephone jack
connector for fitting between the cover and the telephone jack.

27. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: a thermostat mounted to
a wall portion.

28. The barrier device of claim 27, wherein the barrier material includes:
15 a rectangular shaped insert having a through-hole therethrough for fitting between
the thermostat and the wall portion.

29. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: an electrical socket and
a cover.

30. The barrier device of claim 29, wherein the barrier material includes:
a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole therethrough for fitting
between the electrical socket and the cover.

25 31. The barrier device of claim 2, wherein the fixture includes: a cable socket and a
cover.

32. The barrier device of claim 31, wherein the barrier material includes:
a rectangular shaped insert having at least one through-hole therethrough for fitting
between the cable socket and the cover.

33. The barrier device of claim 1, further comprising: a package for housing at least
one barrier material.

34. A method for impeding a route of travel for crawling arthropods from entering
along surface attached fixtures in enclosed and semi-enclosed spaces, comprising the steps
of:

associating an arthropod deterring substance with a barrier material; and
positioning the barrier material about a surface attachment portion for a fixture
within an interior space, wherein the barrier material impedes the arthropods from traveling
into the space.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the positioning step includes:
positioning the barrier material adjacent a wall surface attachment portion.

36. The method of claim 34, wherein the positioning step includes:
positioning the barrier material adjacent a ceiling surface attachment portion.

37. The method of claim 34, wherein the positioning step includes:
positioning the barrier material adjacent a floor surface attachment portion.